

PLEASE **AMEND** THE SPECIFICATION AS FOLLOWS:

On page 5, line 22 – page 6, line 13, please amend as follows:

One aspect of the present invention provides a method of registering a Mobile Node without assigning an IP address in a Home Agent that supports Mobile IP. The method may be generally characterized as including the following steps: 1) determining whether the Mobile Node requires an IP address using a first indicator in a registration request packet 2) when it is determined that the Mobile Node does not require an IP address, sending a registration reply packet containing a second indicator to the Foreign Agent for registration of the Mobile Node where the second indicator indicates that an IP address is not assigned to the Mobile Node and 3) when it is determined that the Mobile Node requires an IP address, assigning an IP address to the Mobile Node and sending the registration reply packet containing the IP address to the Mobile Node where second indicator indicates the IP address is assigned to the Mobile Node. In steps 1), 2) and 3), the first indicator and the second indicator may have an identical format. Additionally, the method may include one or more of the following additional steps 1) receiving the registration request packet containing the first indicator from the Mobile Node 2) generating the second indicator and appending the second indicator to the registration reply packet.